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Rev. George C. Powell, the Fearless and Eloquent Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City, Contends That Now Is the Time for the Twelve Million Colored People in This Country to Wage a "Bloodless Battle" for Every Right Which They Are Entitled to Enjoy Under the Constitution of the United States

Rev. George C. Powell, the brave and manly Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, has the courage of a fighting lion, he exclaimed from his pulpit during the course of his sermon Sunday morning that now is the time for the 12 million Colored people in this country to stand up and contend for every right due them under the constitution of the United States.

Rev. Powell spoke in part as follows: "In my opinion, this is the proper time for us to make a special request for our constitutional rights as American citizens. The ten million Colored people of this country were never so badly needed as now. They are not only needed in the factories, business firms, and on the farms, to produce the necessities of life, but they are needed to help keep the Mexicans quiet, to help sweep the commerce destroying submarines of the Central Powers from the oceans, to help crush German militarism, and perhaps they will be needed sooner than some people expect to prevent the Japanese from landing on these shores to ask for a redress of their grievances which have been piling up for the past few years.

Get Assurances of Better Treatment. "As a Race we ought to let our government know that if it wants us to fight foreign powers we must be given some assurance first of better treatment at home. Perhaps some will say that this is an inopportune time for such talk. Some may argue that to demand our rights now, when the nation is perhaps facing the greatest crisis in its history, would show a lack of loyalty and patriotism. Those who make such arguments are not acquainted with the rise and development of Races.

All history will prove that most oppressed people have secured their rights when their oppressors were facing a crisis.

The Irish people thoroughly understand this philosophy of history and they are now making a supreme effort for home rule. This effort is being made at a time, too, when the English government needs all of its men and all of its resources to fight enemies on land and sea; and everything indicates that the Irish are going to get the independence for which they have been seeking for years, because they know how to seek at the proper time.

"Four hundred thousand railroad employees secured eight hours work with ten hours pay the other day because they threatened to walk out on a day when America needed every single car and every railroad man in the country. At a normal time the American people would not have yielded so readily to their just demand.

"For centuries the common people of Russia have been depressed and crushed by plutocracy and absolutism. In vain they have attempted to secure their liberties in times of peace, but a few days ago when surrounded by foreign foes these people rose up en masse and accomplished the complete overthrow of the colossal rotten superstructure of the Romanoff dynasty, and in twenty-four hours succeeded in abolishing all racial, social and religious distinctions. The new government has already assured the entire Russian people of their political freedom and equality before the law.

Government Has Stood by With Arms Folded.

"Why should not the Colored Americans make a bloodless demand at this crucial time for the rights we have been making futile efforts to secure for the past fifty years. Instead of hurrying telegrams and special deliveries to Washington assuring the government that has persistently stood by with folded arms while we were oppressed and murdered that the ten million Negroes may be used as targets for German bullets and shells?

"It would not cost the President, governors and representatives a single cent to ask in their speeches and messages, the American people to abolish 'Jim Crowism, segregation, and the awful lynching institution, and give to Colored men political equality; but it would mean a new birth of freedom for ten million people who have always stood ready to give their life's blood to perpetuate American institutions.

"In spite of all that the big Negroes are saying to the contrary, this is the psychological moment to say to the American White government from every pulpit and platform and through every newspaper, 'Yes, we are loyal and patriotic. Boston Commons, Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, Fort Pillar, Appomattox, San Juan Hill and Carrizal, will testify to our loyalty. While we love our flag and country, we do not believe in fighting for the protection of commerce on the high seas until the powers that be give us at least some verbal assurance that the property and lives of the members of our race are going to be protected on land from Maine to Mississippi.' Let us have the courage to say to the White American people, 'Give us the same rights which you enjoy, and then we will fight by your side with all of our might for every international right on land and sea.'

"If this kind of talk is not loyalty, then I am disloyal; if this is not patriotism, then I am unpatriotic; if this is treason, then I am a traitor. It is not that I love Caesar less but these black Romans more, who have been true to the flag for two hundred and fifty years. It is infinitely more disgraceful and outrageous to hang and burn Colored men, boys and women without a trial in the days of peace than it is for Germans in time of war to blow up ships loaded with mules and moccasins."

NEGRO APPOINTED TO DETECTIVE FORCE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—The city commissioners in session at their regular meeting on last Friday morning appointed three additional men to the city detective force and among those appointed was John Singleton. Detective Singleton has been doing plain clothes duty for several months although his appointment to that position had not been acted upon by the commissioners until last Friday. The promotion carries with it a salary of \$90 per month. The race has caused for elation also over the appointment of David Saunders, a local Colored citizen, to the police department, making a total of five members of the race now serving on the city police force.

Mayor John E. McMillan, popular among the Colored race in the city because of his interest manifested in their welfare, nominated the two members of the race for the positions.

GOVERNOR FRANK O. LOWDEN FILLS MANY IMPORTANT APPOINTIVE POSITIONS AND HE HAS EXERCISED MUCH CARE IN SELECTING BIG BRAINEY MEN FOR BIG JOBS.

The plum tree has been shook real hard the past week by Governor Frank O. Lowden and many of his camp followers are now mighty happy for many of them have within that time landed in first class positions the following gentlemen have been chosen for chiefs of the new departments lately created by the new administrative code of the State of Illinois.

Director department of registration and education—Francis W. Shepardson, Chicago, salary, \$5,000; Director of agriculture—Charles Adkins, Bement, salary, \$6,000; Director department of mines and minerals—Evan D. John, Carbondale, salary, \$5,000.

Three assistant directors: Department of trade and commerce—J. S. Baldwin, Decatur; Department of finance—Everett H. Tripp, Belvidere; Department of mines and minerals—Martin Bolt, Springfield.

Other Appointments.

Other appointments follow: Department of agriculture—Board of agricultural advisers, Alvin H. Sanders, Chicago; Eugene Davenport, Urbana; Eugene Funk, Bloomington; J. T. Williams, Sterling; W. S. Corsa, Whitehall; J. P. Mason, Elgin; W. E. Taylor, Moline; Henry Davis, Springfield; C. V. Gregory, Chicago; C. R. Doty, Charleston; John M. Crebs, Carmi; H. J. Sceone, Sidell; J. Frank Prather, Williamsville; J. Gimboden, Decatur; J. C. Saylor, Cissna Park.

Department of trade and commerce—Thomas E. Dempsey, East St. Louis, public utility commissioner (chairman), to take effect May 1; Fred E. Sterling, Rockford, public utility commissioner, to take effect July 1; Fred W. Potter, Albion, superintendent of insurance, to take effect May 15; John G. Gamber, Ottawa, fire marshal, to take effect June 1.

Department of public works and buildings—Henry H. Kohn, Anna, superintendent of purchases and supplies; H. L. Williamson, Springfield, superintendent of printing to take effect forthwith.

Department of finance—Joseph C. Mason, Chicago, administrative auditor.

Department of public welfare—A. L. Bowen, Springfield, superintendent of charities; Frank D. Whipp, Springfield, fiscal supervisor.

Francis Wayland Shepardson, director of education and registration, was born in 1862 in Cincinnati and educated in Denison University, Granville, Ohio; Brown University and Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1892.

Chicago U. Teacher.

Since 1890 he has been connected with the University of Chicago, being at various times instructor in American history, secretary of lecture study of the extension division, assistant professor of American history, secretary to the president and associate professor of American history. His home is at 5558 Kimbark avenue, Chicago.

Charles Adkins has been a farmer all his life. He was born in 1863. Mr. Adkins has served repeatedly as local

supervisor, member of the school board and chairman of the county board. Elected to the house of representatives from the twenty-fourth district in 1906, he was re-elected in 1908 and again in 1910, when he was chosen speaker of the house. Since his retirement he has been engaged in farming and lecturing throughout the state.

John Veteran Miner.

Evan D. John has been engaged in mining in Illinois for a number of years. He served a term as mine inspector from the twelfth district and is at present engaged as inspector under temporary appointment by Governor Lowden.

Joseph C. Mason, formerly was a Chicago newspaper man. He was appointed by former Governor Deneen as secretary and chief examiner of the civil service commission. For the last few years he has been in business in Chicago. He came to Springfield with Governor Lowden and was made institution auditor.

Other important appointments recently made by Governor Lowden are as follows:

Director of Finance—Omar H. Wright, Belvidere, president Second National Bank of that city and of Illinois Mutual Insurance Company and a member of executive council of State Bankers' Association; has served in his

home city in city council and as president of board of education; salary \$7,000.

Directors of Public Works and Buildings—Leslie D. Puterbaugh, Peoria, former judge of Probate, Circuit and Appellate courts, and in 1913 Republican nominee for justice of Supreme Court in fifth district; author of "Puterbaugh's Pleading and Practice," vice president of the Dime Savings and Trust Company of Peoria, director of the Commercial-German National Bank, president of board of trustees of Bradley Polytechnic Institute and vice president of Illinois State Bar Association; salary \$7,000.

Director of Public Welfare—Charles H. Thorne, Winnetka, chairman of board of directors of Montgomery Ward & Co.; salary \$7,000.

Director of Trade and Commerce—William H. Stead, Ottawa, attorney general of Illinois from 1905 to 1913, and manager of Lowden primary campaign and considered governor's chief adviser; salary \$7,000.

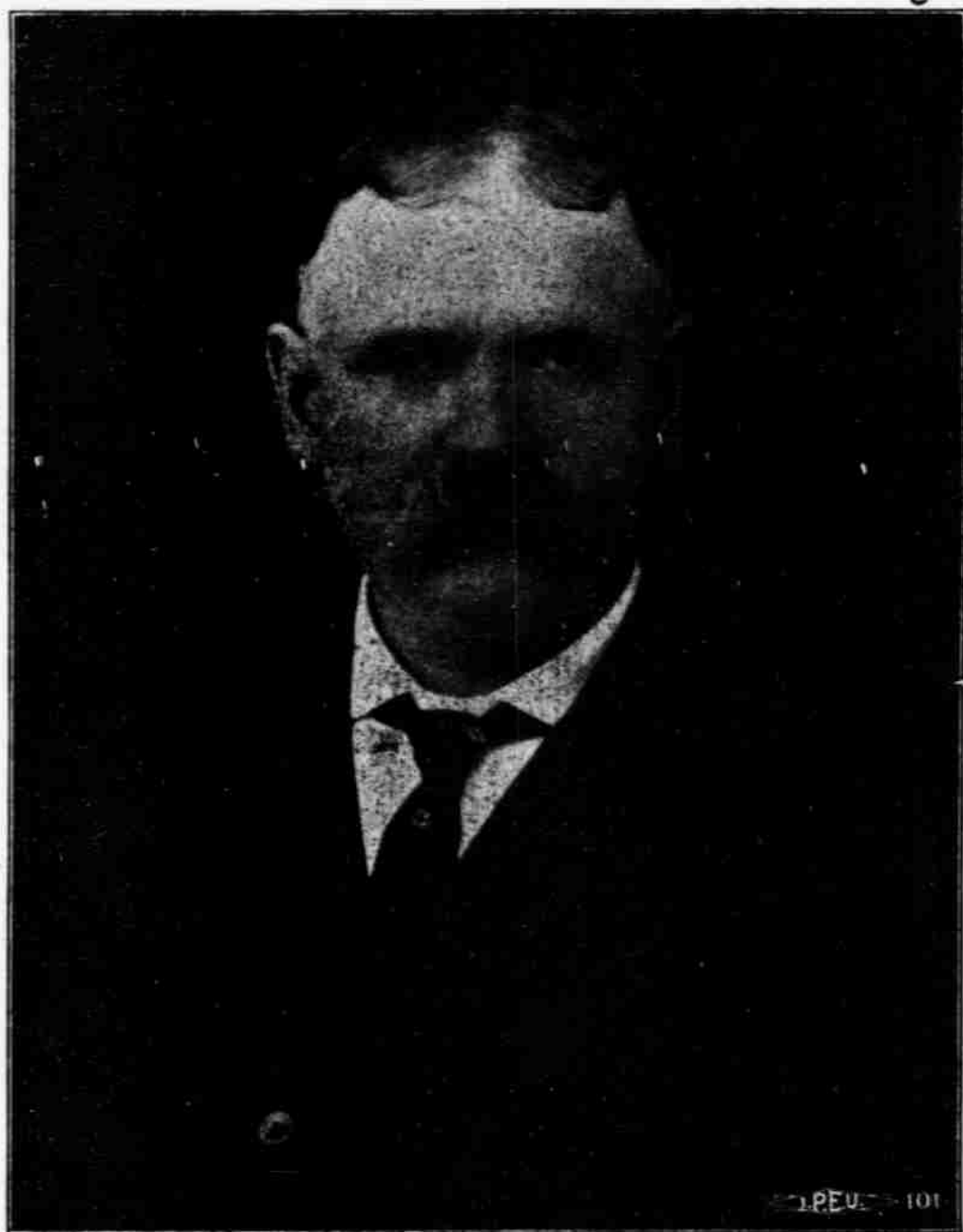
Director Public Health—Dr. C. St. Clair Drake, Springfield, secretary state board of health; formerly connected with city health department in Chicago, his work in public health service extending over period of twenty-two years; salary \$6,000.

mission—Albert D. Early, Rockford, president Illinois State Bar Association and active in Civil Service Reform Association of Illinois; was trustee of the Rockford public library for fifteen years and is now trustee of Northwestern University; salary \$4,000.

It must be said in all fairness to Governor Lowden that is highly deserving of a great amount of credit for surrounding himself with big brainy men to assist to honestly conduct the public affairs of the people of the great State of Illinois.

WILLIAM F. HARRAH UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the new City Council, Monday evening, James T. Igoo, was duly sworn in as the new City Clerk and Clayton F. Smith became the new City Treasurer, and William F. Harrah, who is the right man in the right place, who is always pleasant and genial and very popular with the city daddies and with the big politicians was unanimously re-elected Sergeant-At-Arms, of the city council and John Toohig, was chosen as his able assistant.



HON. ALBERT NOWAK.

One of the most popular Commissioners of Cook County who is ever ready to look after the wants and the comforts of the poor or the needy.